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In re Application Of:) Confirmation No. 2310
Saori KITAO) Group Art No. 1642
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For: GENE CAUSATIVE OF ROTHMUND-)
THOMSON SYNDROME AND GENE)
PRODUCT)

AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 24, 2004, Applicants request entry of this amendment.

No fee is believed due in connection with this response. However, should the Patent and Trademark Office determine that a fee is required, please charge our Deposit Account No. 19-0733.

A terminal disclaimer accompanies this amendment.

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